

1. (Currently Amended) Wound drainage device for using reduced pressure to discharge exudate originating from a wound, which device comprises a housing which comprises a vacuum chamber for receiving a collection container with a feed opening for collecting exudate, and means for generating a reduced pressure in the space between the inner wall of the vacuum chamber and a collection container which is accommodated therein during operation, wherein the said means for generating a reduced pressure comprise gas-transformer means {30} for using pressurized gas to form a reduced pressure, which means on the pressure side are in communication with a pressure-resistant gas compartment {18} and on the vacuum side are in communication with the vacuum chamber {14}, the gas compartment {18} being provided in the housing {12} and having a coupling {24} for connection to an external gas source.

2. (Currently Amended) Wound drainage device according to claim 1, wherein the coupling {24} can be selectively connected to a gas compartment {18} and the gas-transformer means {30}.

3. (Currently Amended) Wound drainage device according ~~one of the preceding claims to~~ Claim 1, wherein a removable inner container {32} is arranged in the vacuum chamber {14}, and the gas-transformer means {22} are in communication with the space between the inner container {32} and a collection container {16} which is positioned in the inner container {32} during operation.

4. (Currently Amended) Wound drainage device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the wound drainage device comprises a modular configuration.

5. (Currently Amended) Wound drainage device according to claim 4, wherein the modular configuration comprises a two-part housing ~~{12a, 12b}~~, at least one gas compartment ~~{18}~~, a vacuum chamber ~~{14}~~ and a mounting plate ~~{100}~~ having at least the gas-transformer means ~~{30}~~ as components to be assembled.

6. (Currently Amended) Assembly of a wound drainage device for using reduced pressure to discharge exudate originating from a wound, which device comprises a housing which comprises a vacuum chamber for receiving a collection container with a feed opening for collecting exudate, and means for generating a reduced pressure in the space between the inner wall of the vacuum chamber and a collection container which is accommodated therein during operation, wherein the said means for generating a reduced pressure comprise gas-transformer means for using pressurized gas to form a reduced pressure, which means on the pressure side are in communication with a pressure-resistant gas compartment and on the vacuum side are in communication with the vacuum chamber, the gas compartment being provided in the housing and having a coupling for connection to an external gas source according to one of the preceding claims 1-5 and a collection container for collecting exudate

originating from a wound, comprising a flexible receiving container {16} which is in communication with a feed {70} for conveying exudate from the wound to the receiving container {16}.

7. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to claim 6, wherein the vacuum chamber {14} is provided with an opening, and the collection chamber {16} comprises a cover {50} for closing off the opening.

8. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to claim 7, wherein the cover {50} comprises a closure rim {52}, such that the cover {50} can be positioned on the opening of the vacuum chamber {14} in a unique way.

9. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to claim 8, wherein the closure rim {52} is in the shape of an ellipse composed of two ellipse parts {53} of different eccentricity which adjoin one another.

10. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ 7-9 Claim 7, wherein the cover {50} is provided with a closable feed opening {58} for supplying auxiliary substances, which feed opening {58} is in communication with the receiving container {16}.

11. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to claim 10, wherein the feed opening {58} is provided with a septum {96}.

12. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~  
~~10-11~~ Claim 10, wherein a lid {60} is provided for closing the feed opening {58} again.

13. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~  
~~10-11~~ Claim 10, wherein a breakable lid {60} is provided for protecting the feed opening {58}.

14. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~  
~~6-13~~ Claim 6, wherein the feed {70} is provided with a shut-off member {72}, and the receiving container {16} is provided with a discharge {76} for removing exudate from the receiving container {16}, which discharge {76} is provided with a shut-off member {78}.

15. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to claim 14, wherein the feed {70} and discharge {76} are provided on opposite sides of the receiving container {16}.

16. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~  
~~6-15~~ Claim 6, wherein the collection container {16} comprises a filter {74}.

17. (Currently Amended) Assembly according to one of the preceding claims 6-16 Claim 6, wherein the wall of the collection container {16} comprises an air-permeable filter {82}.

18. (Currently Amended) Collection container for collecting exudate originating from a wound, obviously intended for a wound drainage device for using reduced pressure to discharge exudate originating from a wound, which device comprises a housing which comprises a vacuum chamber for receiving a collection container with a feed opening for collecting exudate, and means for generating a reduced pressure in the space between the inner wall of the vacuum chamber and a collection container which is accommodated therein during operation, wherein the said means for generating a reduced pressure comprise gas-transformer means for using pressurized gas to form a reduced pressure, which means on the pressure side are in communication with a pressure-resistant gas compartment and on the vacuum side are in communication with the vacuum chamber, the gas compartment being provided in the housing and having a coupling for connection to an external gas source, the collection container according to one of the preceding claims 1-5 or the assembly according to one of the preceding claims 6-17 comprising a flexible receiving container {16}, which is in communication with a feed {70} for conveying exudate from the wound to the receiving container {16}, and a cover {50}, comprising a closure rim {52}, such that the cover {50} can be positioned on an opening of a vacuum chamber {14} in a unique way.

19. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to claim 18, wherein the closure rim {52} is in the shape of an ellipse composed of two ellipse parts {53} of different eccentricity which adjoin one another.

20. (Currently Amended) Collection container ~~for collecting exudate originating from a wound, in particular according to claim 18-19, obviously intended for a wound drainage device according to one of the preceding claims 1-5 or the assembly according to one of the preceding claims 6-17, comprising a flexible receiving container (16) which is in communication with a feed (70) for conveying exudate from the wound to the receiving container (16), which feed (70) is provided with a shut-off member (72), and a discharge (76) for removing exudate from the receiving container, which discharge (76) is provided with a shut-off member (78) according to Claim 18, wherein the feed is provided with a shut-off member, and a discharge for removing exudate from the receiving container, which discharge is provided with a shut-off member.~~

21. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to claim 20, wherein the feed {70} and discharge {76} are provided on opposite sides of the receiving container {16}.

22. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to ~~one of the preceding claims 18-21~~ Claim 18, wherein the collection container comprises a filter {74}.

23. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to ~~one of the preceding claims 18-22~~ Claim 18, wherein the wall of the collection container comprises an air-permeable filter {82}.

24. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to ~~one of the preceding claims 18-23~~ Claim 18, wherein the cover {50} is provided with a closable feed opening {58} for supplying auxiliaries, with which feed opening {58} is in communication with the receiving container {16}.

25. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to claim 24, wherein a septum {96} is provided in the feed opening {58}.

26. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to ~~one of the preceding claims 24-25~~ Claim 24, wherein a lid {60} is provided for closing the feed opening {58} again.

27. (Currently Amended) Collection container according to ~~one of the preceding claims 24-25~~ Claim 24, wherein a breakable lid {60} is provided for protecting the feed opening {58}.